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THE **EVOLUTION** OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE HAPPENS HERE!

MARVEL
COMICS



HOAM
KUBER
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THE MARVEL UNIVERSE ONSLAUGHT



I AM
THE WATCHER...
CHRONICLER OF
HISTORY.

FOR
COUNTLESS
EONS, IT HAS
BEEN MY TASK TO
OBSERVE THE
SHINING BLUE ORB
MEN CALL THE
EARTH.

TO
CHRONICLE THE
GRAND ASCENSION
OF THE HUMAN RACE...
THE SPLENDOR OF ITS
ACHIEVEMENTS AND
THE GLORY OF ITS
HEROES.



ONCE, I WAS
WITNESS TO A UNIQUE
WONDERMENT.

A SPAN
OF TIME WHEN
CHAMPIONS OF
LEGEND ROUTINELY
RISKED THEIR LIVES TO
BATTLE THE FORCES
OF EVIL AND
TYRANNY.

AN ERA IN
WHICH THE MEASURE
OF A HERO WAS
GAUGED NOT BY HIS
POWER... BUT BY HIS
NOBILITY.

BY THE
STRENGTH
IN HIS
HEART.

IT
WAS AN AGE
UNLIKE ANY
OTHER.

AND
THIS IS
THE STORY
OF ITS
END...



"... JUST HOURS
AGO..."

"... AT THE HANDS OF A
CREATURE KNOWN ONLY AS

ONSLAUGHT

"BORN OF AN UNHOLY
ALCHEMY... SPAWNED
WHEN PROFESSOR
CHARLES XAVIER,
LEADER OF THE X-MEN,
FOOLISHLY USED HIS
MENTAL POWERS TO
CLEANSE THE MIND OF
THE CORRUPT MUTANT
MAGNETO..."

"... ONSLAUGHT, THE SYNTHESIS
OF ALL THE DARKNESS WITHIN
THE SOULS OF BOTH MEN,
LURKED WITHIN XAVIER FOR
MONTHS, BUILDING HIS
POWER AND BIDDING HIS TIME.

"THAT TIME HAD COME. AT LAST
AN INDEPENDENT CREATURE, HE
WAS FINALLY FREE TO ACT UPON
THE ANGER THAT HAD NURTURED
HIM... FREE TO DESTROY THE
WORLD."

"ONLY ONE
STOOD IN
HIS WAY."

"XAVIER
HIMSELF."



VERY WELL, ONSLAUGHT. YOU HAVE THE UPPER HAND.

YOU HAVE STRIPPED ME OF MY TELEPATHIC POWERS, YOU HAVE TURNED EVERYTHING I STAND FOR AGAINST ME.

BUT YOU ARE NOT THE UNSTOPPABLE BEING YOU CLAIM TO BE. YOU ARE NOT MY EQUAL.



NOP

LOOK AT ME, XAVIER.

I AM YOUR DARKEST SECRETS... YOUR MOST SHAMEFUL HATREDS. ALL THAT IS WITHIN YOU IS WITHIN ME.

NOT ALL. THERE IS SOMETHING I DO NOT SEE REFLECTED IN YOU.



ONE SHRED OF HUMANITY.

AND THAT... WILL BE YOUR DOWNFALL.



I RATHER DOUBT THAT, CHARLES.

AS THE WORLD WILL SOON SEE, I HAVE NO USE FOR HUMANITY IN ANY OF ITS FORMS...

...ESPECIALLY... ESPECIALLY NOT THAT MUTANT RACE YOU CODDLE AND PROTECT!



FUNNY.

AAARGH!

FZZZAAH!

THWAM

BOOM

WE DON'T THINK MUCH OF YOU, EITHER, BIG MAN!

YOU OKAY, PROFESSOR?

ROGUE? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

RIDIN' SHOTGUN.

READY, CYCLOPS?

AND WILLING, X-MEN -- ON MY SIGNAL! JEN, YOU AND STORM HIT HIM HIGH!

GAMBIT AND BISHOP -- HIT HIM LOW!

CABLE AND WOLVERINE -- HIT HIM HARD!



AS OF NOW, THE ONSLAUGHT...
...IS FINISHED!

HARDLY,
MAGNETO...

...OR
SHOULD I
CALL YOU
"JOSEPH"?

NO MATTER
WHAT NAME YOU
NOW CARRY, YOU —
AND YOUR MAGNETIC
POWERS -- ARE A
PART OF ME,
AS WELL!

AND
WITH THEM --
I CAN UPROOT
THE VERY EARTH
BENEATH YOUR
FEET!

"NO ONE KNOWS WHERE
THE X-MEN FOUND THE
STRENGTH TO FIGHT ON
THAT DAY..."

"... UNLESS IT WAS
FROM THE INSPIRATION
OF THEIR PROFESSOR
AND MENTOR.

"AS HE LOOKED ON FROM
THE SIDELINES, NEVER WAS HE
PROUDER OF HIS STUDENTS.
HE KNEW THIS WAS THEIR
FINEST HOUR --

"-- AND QUITE
POSSIBLY --"



"... THEIR
LAST!

"BATTERED AND BROKEN FROM
ONSLAUGHT'S PREVIOUS ATTACKS,
THEIR SPIRITS WERE STRONG...
BUT THEIR FLESH, WEAK.

"WITH ONE BLINDING
BOLT, THE CHILDREN
OF THE ATOM WERE
SPLIT AUNDER,

"SILENCE FILLED
THE AIR. ALL WAS
LOST.



"AND YET...
THROUGH
THE HAZE OF
THE DUST...



"... XAVIER
SENSED A
COMING...



"... OF HOPE...



"... OF COURAGE..."



"...OF
MARVELS."

EVERYBODY
BREATHING?
GOOD.

BACKUP'S
HERE.

CAPTAIN...
KOFF-

...CAPTAIN
AMERICA?

AND
FRIENDS,
BLINKY.



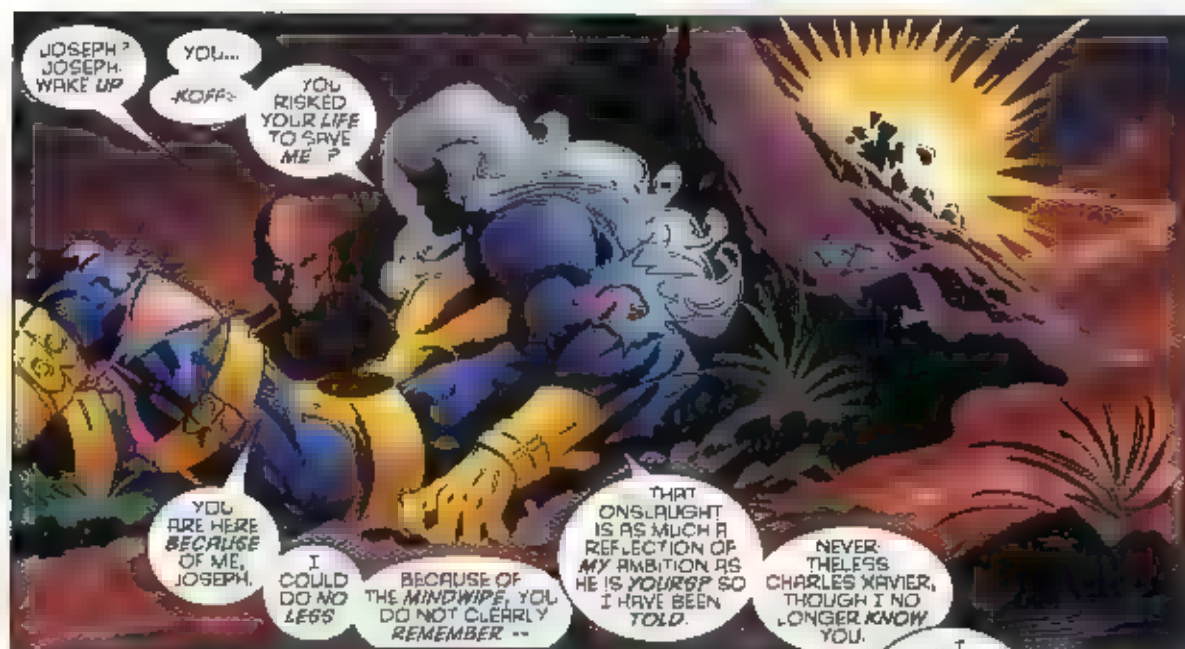
THE
AVENGERS...

THE
FANTASTIC
FOUR... AND
EVERYONE ELSE
WE COULD
FIND.

WE'RE
EARTH'S
LAST LINE OF
DEFENSE,
PEOPLE.

WIN
OR LOSE...
WE GO OUT
TOGETHER.





JOSEPH?
JOSEPH.
WAKE UP

YOU...

KOFF?

YOU
RISKED
YOUR LIFE
TO SAVE
ME?

YOU
ARE HERE
BECAUSE
OF ME,
JOSEPH.

I
COULD
DO NO
LESS

BECAUSE OF
THE MINDWIPE, YOU
DO NOT CLEARLY
REMEMBER --

THAT
ONSLAUGHT
IS AS MUCH A
REFLECTION OF
MY AMBITION AS
HE IS YOURS? SO
I HAVE BEEN
TOLD.

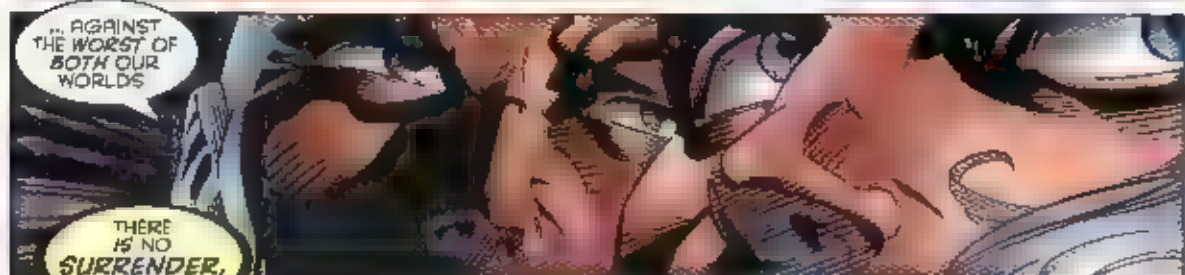
NEVER-
THELESS
CHARLES XAVIER,
THOUGH I NO
LONGER KNOW
YOU.

" I
FEEL SAFE
IN ASSUMING
THAT I COULD
NOT HAVE A
FINER ALLY
THIS DAY



NOR
I.

WE WILL
NEED THE
STRENGTH OF
FRIEND-
SHIP



.. AGAINST
THE WORST OF
BOTH OUR
WORLDS

THERE
IS NO
SURRENDER,
HEROES!



I TAKE NO
PRISONERS!

THOSE
I NEED I
ALREADY
HAVE!

"AS WELL
HE DID."

"FRANKLIN RICHARDS,
HEIR TO THE FANTASTIC
FOUR... BORN WITH THE
ABILITY TO WARP REALITY..

UNCLE
BEN P

IT'S
C'OBBERIN'
TIME, UNCLE
BEN! DON'T
LET HIM
HURT
YOU!

"... AND NATE GREY, REFUGEE
FROM AN ALTERNATE TIME-
LINE... AND, AS X-MAN, THE
MOST POWERFUL PSYCHIC
BEING IN ANY REALITY "

NO...

... IT'S
... IT'S ALL
COMING
TRUE...

... AND
I CAN'T
STOP
IT

WHAT'S
COMING TRUE,
MISTER? WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKIN'
ABOUT?

ONSLAUGHT
HE USED MY

PLAN FOR CONQUEST
FRANKLIN, TRY TO
UNDERSTAND...

"I
COME FROM
A WORLD
OVERRUN BY A
MADMAN NAMED
APOCALYPSE.
ONSLAUGHT
ADMIRE THAT
WORLD

NOW
HE'S TAPPING
OUR POWERS IN
ORDER TO MAKE
THIS ONE JUST
LIKE IT... OR
WORSE,

AND
THERE'S
NOTHING
WE CAN
DO.

NOTHING.

THAT'S
NOT WHAT
MR. XAVIER
SAID.

HE
TALKED TO
ME... TOLD ME TO
FIGHT ONSLAUGHT...
BUT I COULDN'T
NOT ALL
ALONE.

BUT
NOW THAT
YOU'RE HERE,
MAYBE...

MAYBE
WE CAN
TOGETHER?

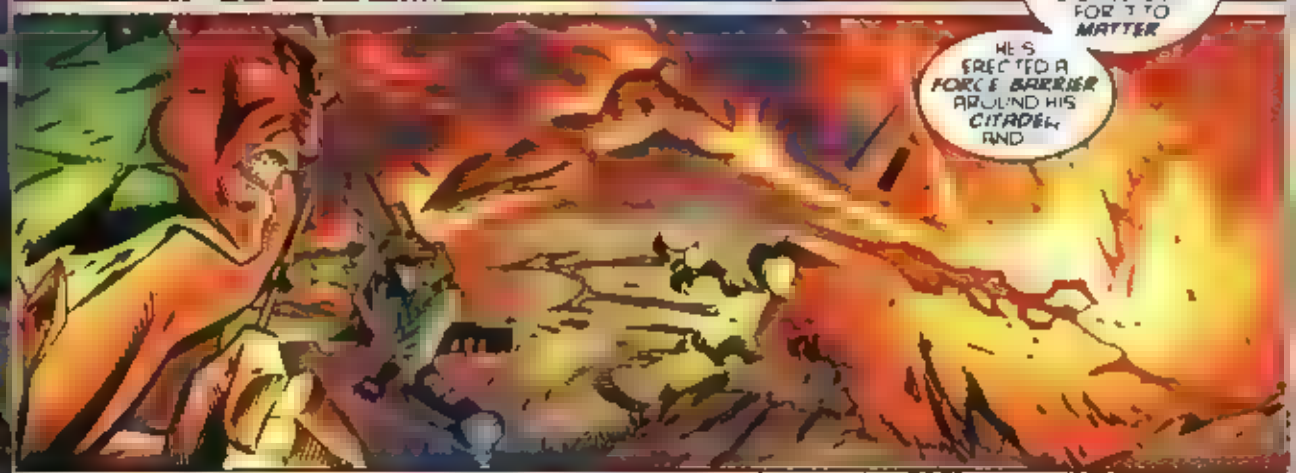


SORRY!
WE'RE LATE...
BUT YOU LEFT
US A LITTLE
FLAT-FOOTED
WHEN YOU
CHARGED OFF
ON YOUR
OWN.

WE'RE
SHIELDED FROM
ON-SLAUGHT'S
PSYONICS BY
PEI-SCRAMBLERS.
HOW ABOUT YOU?

WE'RE NOW
FEW ENOUGH -
UNFORTUNATELY
WHERE WE ARE AND
CABLE CAN PROTECT
US. IRON MAN,
BESIDES.

IT
DOESN'T LOOK
LIKE WE'LL GET
CLOSE ENOUGH
TO UNSLAUGHT
FOR IT TO
MATTER.

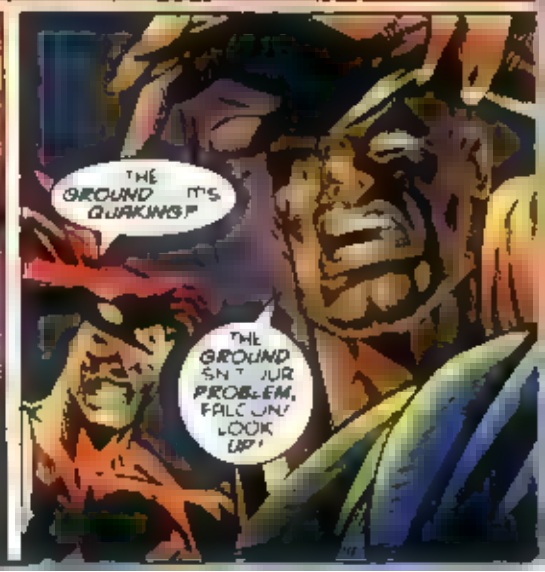


HE'S
ERECTED A
FORCE BARRIER
AROUND HIS
CITADEL,
AND



THOOM

WHAT
THE P



THE
GROUND IS
QUAKING?

THE
GROUND IS
OUR
PROBLEM,
FALCON! LOOK
UP!

GOOD LORD! IS THAT

A SECOND SUN?

MY GOD -- IT'S FILLING THE SKY!

IT'LL MELT THE EARTH!

WE SHOULD LIVE LONG ENOUGH.

BELIEVE ME TS GRIVITY WILL WIPE THE PLANET CLEAN FIRST

HOW HOW CAN THIS BE? IT'S INCONCEIVABLE!

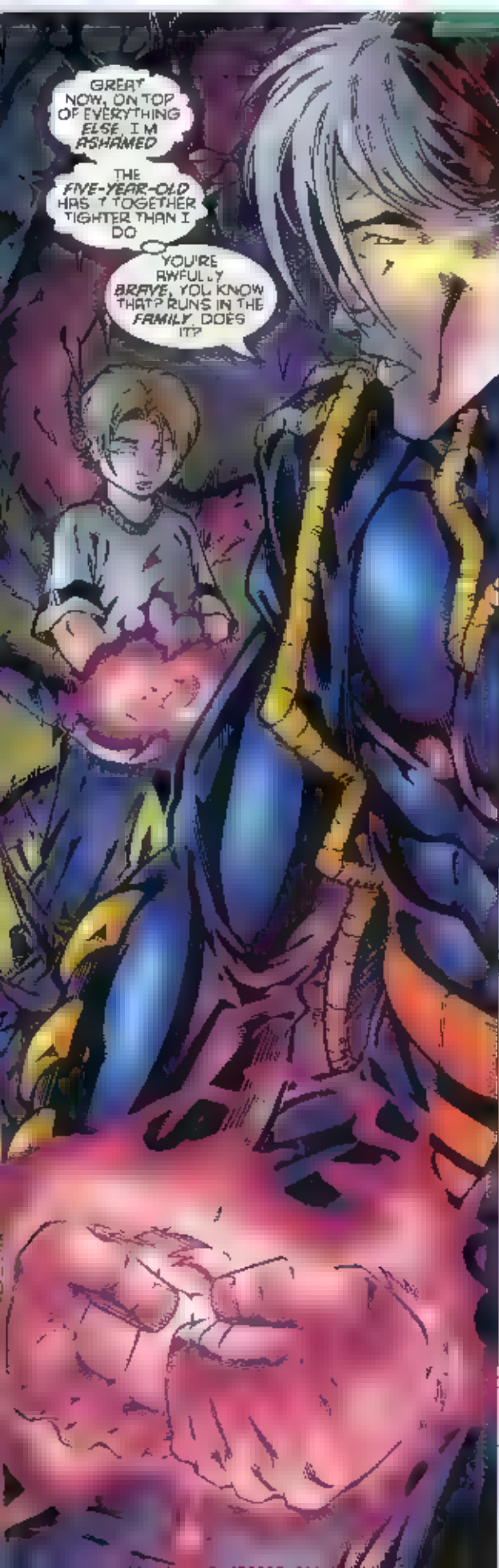
ONLY TO A SCIENTIST, REED YOU KNOW THE RULES OF THE UNIVERSE!

SN'T AS HAMPERED!

NOTHING'S IMPOSSIBLE TO ONSLAUGHT.. NOT WHEN HE HAS THE POWER OF X-MAN -- AND THE IMAGINATION OF OUR SON -- AT HIS COMMAND!

THOR! STORM! SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO TO CONTAIN THE UPHEAVAL AND KEEP US ALIVE!

THE REST OF US HAVE TO GET TO ONSLAUGHT FAST!



GREAT
NOW, ON TOP
OF EVERYTHING
ELSE, I'M
ASHAMED

THE
FIVE-YEAR-OLD
HAS T TOGETHER
TIGHTER THAN I
DO

YOU'RE
AWFULLY
BRAVE, YOU KNOW
THAT? RUNS IN THE
FAMILY, DOES
IT?



I JUST
WANNA HELP
MY FOLKS, I
WANNA.

WANNA
BE KID, MY
MOMMY
SAYN.

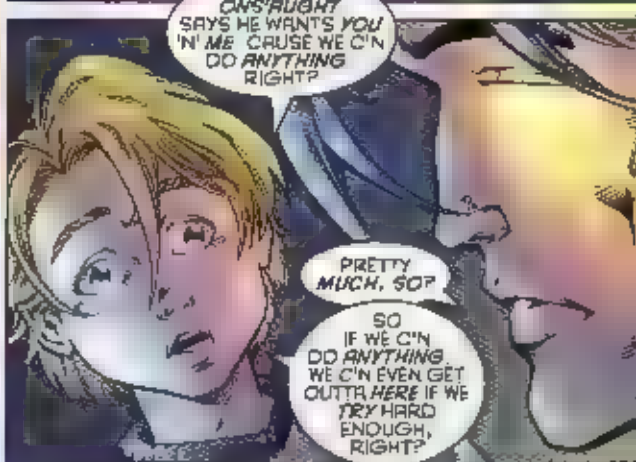
THEN
LET'S MAKE
THAT HAPPEN. I
SAW ONE WORLD
WIPE OUT
KID

I
WON'T WATCH
IT AGAIN, DID
YOU HAVE AN
IDEA?

WELL,
ONE'S RAUGHT
SAYS HE WANTS YOU
'N' ME 'CAUSE WE C'N
DO ANYTHING
RIGHT?

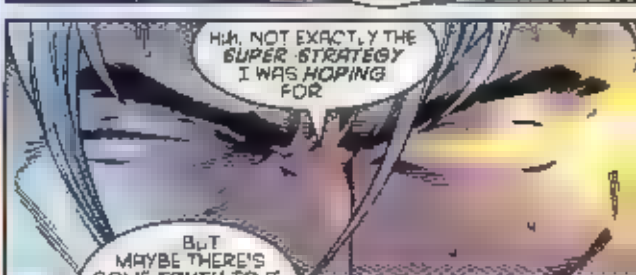
PRETTY
MUCH, SOP

SO
IF WE C'N
DO ANYTHING,
WE C'N EVEN GET
OUTTA HERE IF WE
TRY HARD
ENOUGH,
RIGHT?

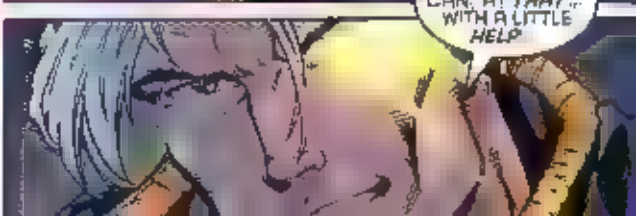


HUH, NOT EXACTLY THE
SUPER STRATEGY
I WAS HOPING
FOR

BUT
MAYBE THERE'S
SOME TRUTH TO IT
KEEP A GOOD
THOUGHT
FRANK, IN.



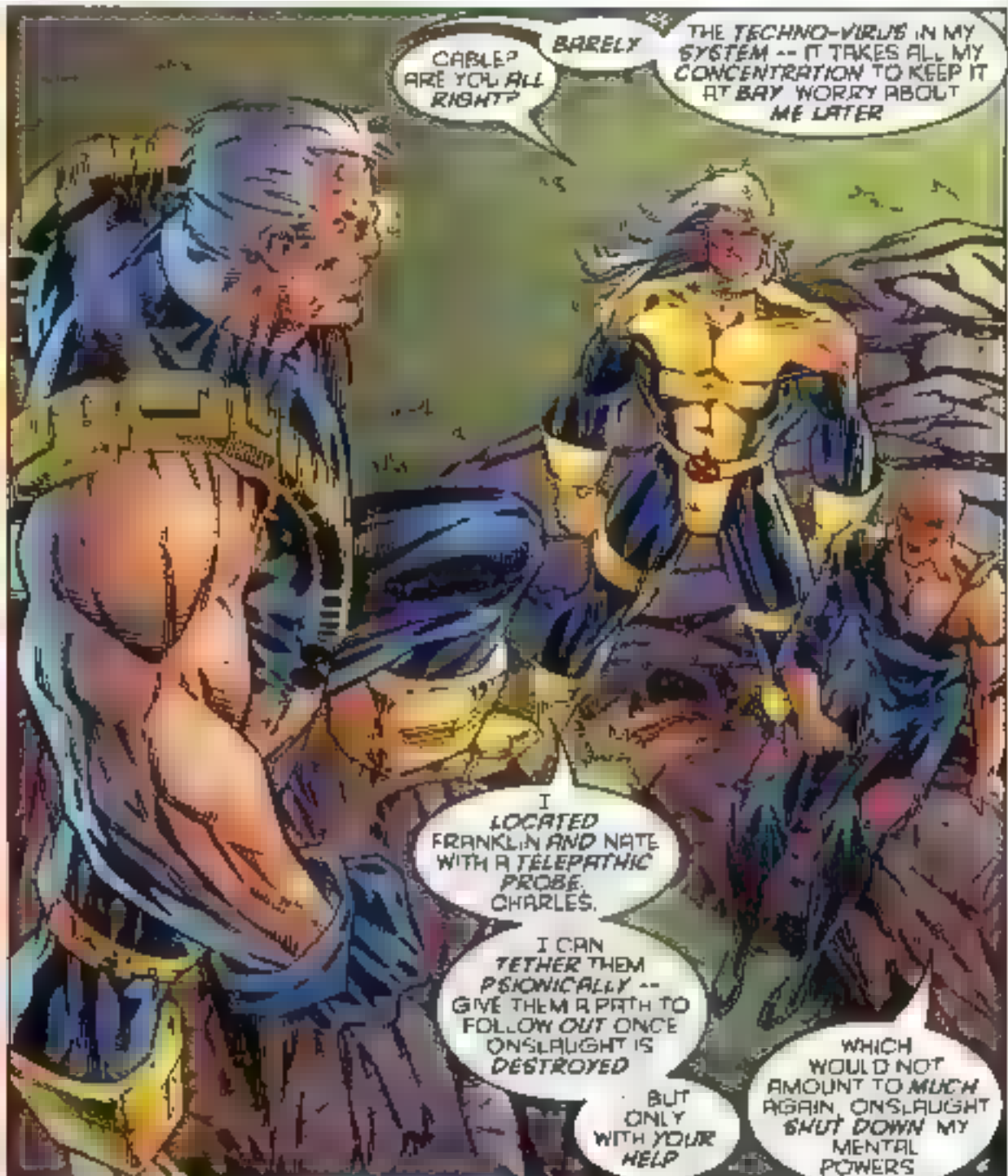
... AND
MAYBE WE
CAN, AT THAT ...
WITH A LITTLE
HELP





CONTACT!
I FOUND THE KIDS, CHARLES!
THEY'RE STILL IN THE C-TEDEL THEY

WING!



CABLE? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? BARELY

THE TECHNO-VIRUS IN MY SYSTEM -- IT TAKES ALL MY CONCENTRATION TO KEEP IT AT BAY. WORRY ABOUT ME LATER

I LOCATED FRANKLIN AND NATE WITH A TELEPATHIC PROBE, CHARLES.

I CAN TETHER THEM PSIONICALLY -- GIVE THEM A PATH TO FOLLOW OUT ONCE ONSLAUGHT IS DESTROYED

BUT ONLY WITH YOUR HELP

WHICH WOULD NOT AMOUNT TO MUCH AGAIN, ONSLAUGHT SHUT DOWN MY MENTAL POWERS



UNDERSTOOD

BUT, SUPPOSE I GET INSIDE JOSEPH'S HEAD -- AND USE HIS MAGNETISM TO NUDGE THE ELECTROCHEMICAL BARRIERS IN YOUR BRAIN?

RISK LEVEL?



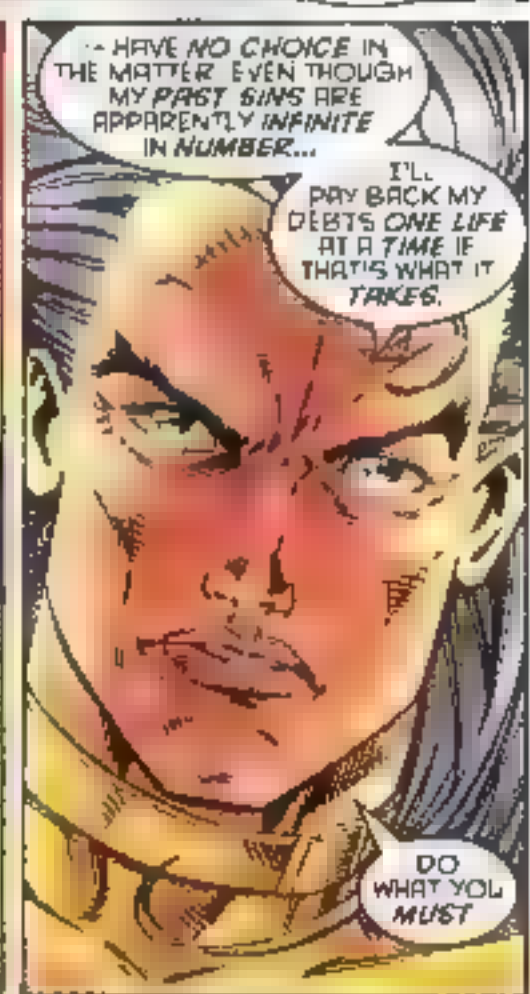
NOT SMALL IT COULD BACKFIRE ON ALL OF US.

BUT THE LIVES OF TWO INNOCENTS ARE ON THE LINE

IN, JOSEPH?

HOW CAN I NOT BE?

NO. I FORBID THIS I --



-- HAVE NO CHOICE IN THE MATTER EVEN THOUGH MY PAST SINS ARE APPARENTLY INFINITE IN NUMBER...

I'LL PAY BACK MY DEBTS ONE LIFE AT A TIME IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES.

DO WHAT YOU MUST

A PITY
THAT I AM SO
OFTEN FORCED TO
SAVE YOU FROM
YOURSELVES.

AS EVER,
THE GENIUS OF
VICTOR VON DOOM
WILL BE OUR ONLY
SALVATION

ONSLAUGHT
USES MUCH OF
HIS MIGHT TO MAINTAIN
HIS FORCE-FIELD. IN ORDER
TO ERADICATE THE FIELD.
WE MUST DISTRACT
HIM.

AND
WE TRUST YOU
BECAUSE ?

BECAUSE I
HAVE NO INTEREST IN
BETRAYING YOU SIMPLY
TO RULE A PLANET OF
CINDER AND ASH
CHILD

ONSLAUGHT
ALREADY
STOPPED

NEXT
MOVE
IS YOURS AND
YOURS ALONE ONLY
YOU TWO TOGETHER
HAVE THE POWER
TO STUN OUR
FOE

YOU
DON'T
BAY

HOW
MUCH DOES
DOOM KNOW
'BOUT JS,
PANTHER?

YOU
WOULD BE
SURPRISED,
GAMBIT

I
ALWAYS
AM.

"NEW YORKERS ARE
NOT GIVEN TO PANIC
MUCH HAVE THEY SEEN
THROUGH THE YEARS "

FOGGY
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

I
DON'T KNOW,
KAREN

" AND YET, AS THE VERY
AIR BECAME THE COLOR
OF FIRE. THEY WONDERED
IF THIS SUNRISE WOULD
BE THE LAST "

" EMPLOYEES
AND TYRANTS
ALIKE "

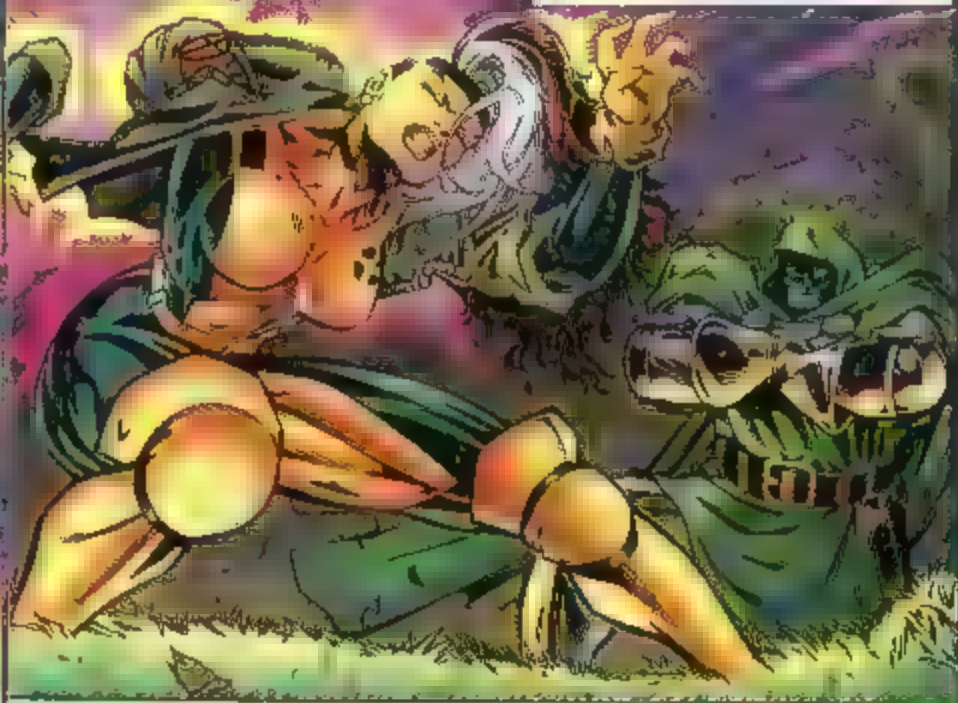
ALL THE BUGLE
REPORTERS ARE ON
THE STREET, JONAH- WE
CAN GET THIS INTO
TOMORROW'S
EDITION

PROVIDED
THERE IS ONE
ROBBIE

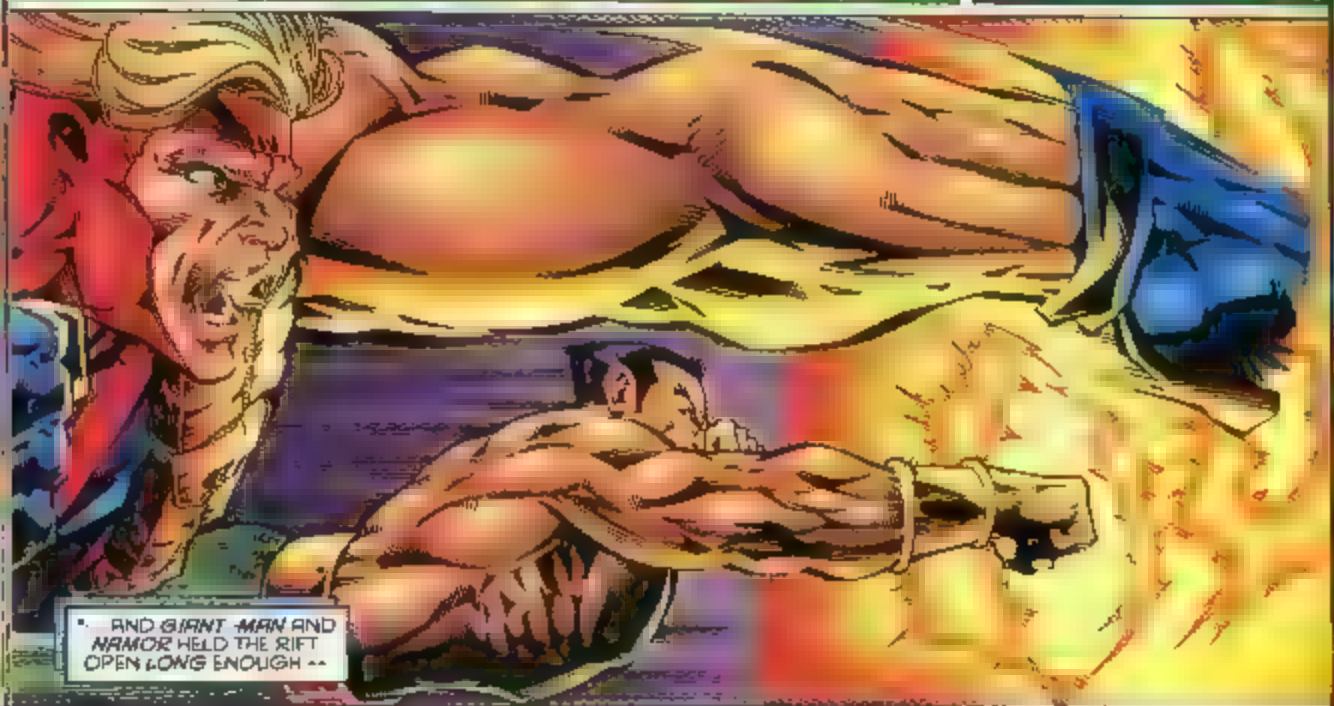
PROVIDED
THERE IS
ONE

"THERE WAS NO TIME TO
DELIBERATE. DOOM'S
STRATEGY WAS QUICKLY
ADOPTED."

"AT HIS INSISTENCE, THE SYNTHETOID,
VISION, PHASED IMMATERIAL,
MERGED WITH ROGUE, AUGMENTING
HER ALREADY TITANIC STRENGTH AND
DAMPING HER ABSORPTION POWER."

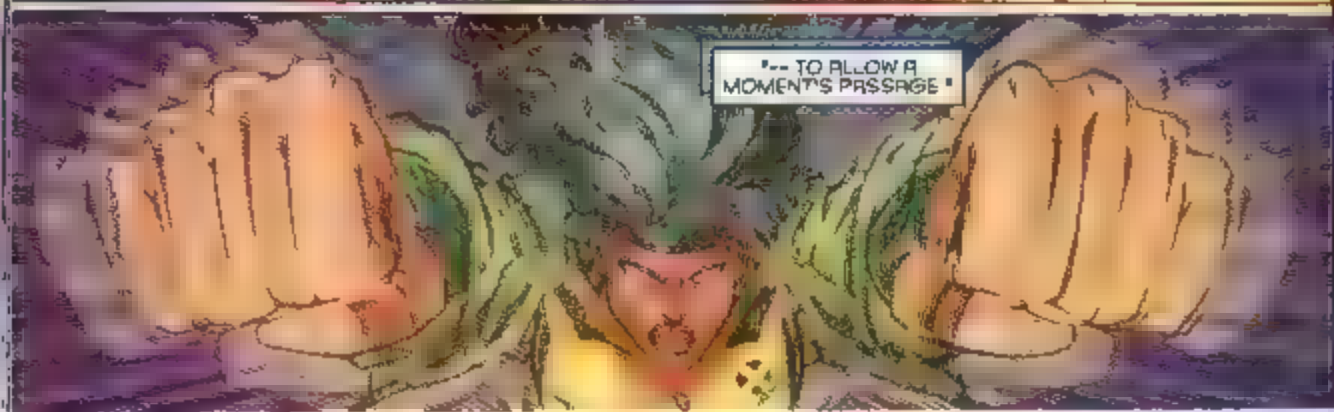


"-- WHILE WOLVERINE
PIERCED ONSLAUGHT'S
FIELD WITH BERSERKER
RAGE --"



"AND GIANT MAN AND
NAMOR HELD THE RIFT
OPEN LONG ENOUGH --"

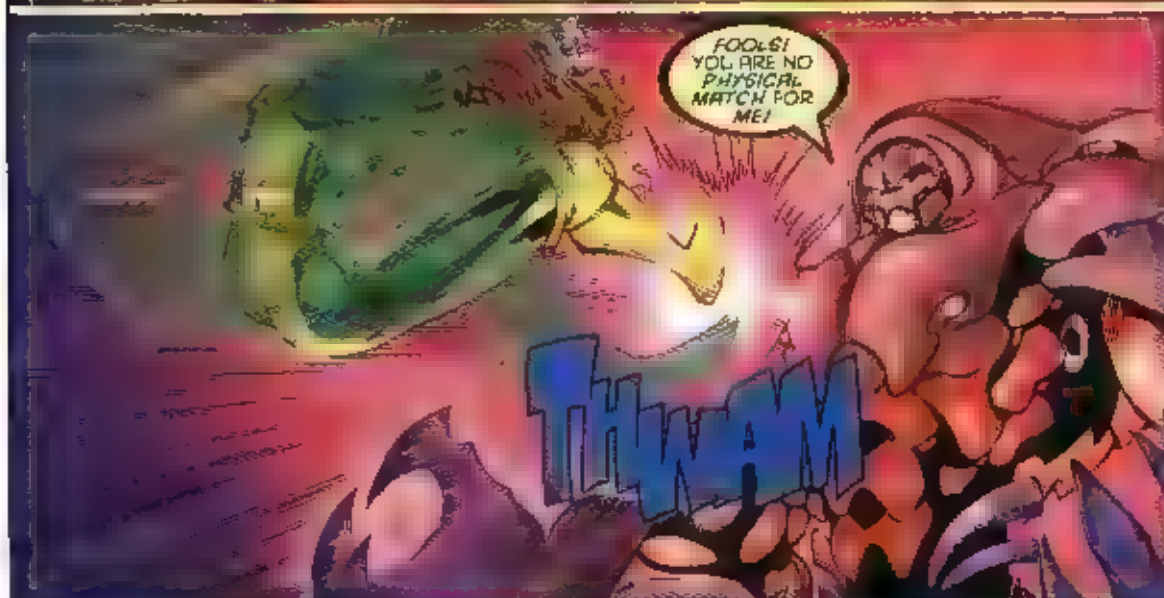
"-- TO ALLOW A
MOMENT'S PASSAGE."





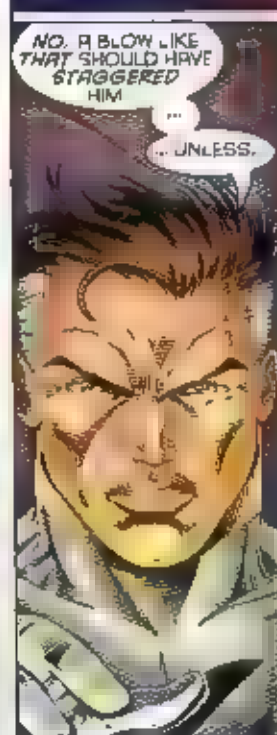
THEY'RE
IN!

GO
GO!



FOOLS!
YOU ARE NO
PHYSICAL
MATCH FOR
ME!

THWAM!



NO. A BLOW LIKE
THAT SHOULD HAVE
STAGGERED
HIM

...UNLESS.



WAN-ZZKK-
WANDA.

I'M HERE
DON'T TRY
TO TALK YOUR
WOUNDS

WE HAVE
B-ZZKK-BEEN
THROUGH -ZZKK-
MUCH...

BUT NOTHING
LIKE ZZKK-
LIKE THIS

HOLD ME TO
ZZKK TOGETHER
WANDA

HOLD
ZZKK-
ME



ADDRESS
THE NOISE

IT
ABOUT
BELLOWING
WITH FURY

DOOM'S
PLAN
WORKED

THE
FIRE
BOMB
IS
FALLING
ON A
HOT
SPRING
THING
WITH
IN
CONTROL

THIS
IS
A
CHANCE



SEND
ME
MY
JUNK

I
CAN
TAKE
HIM,
PHOENIX...
BUT YOU HAVE
TO HELP

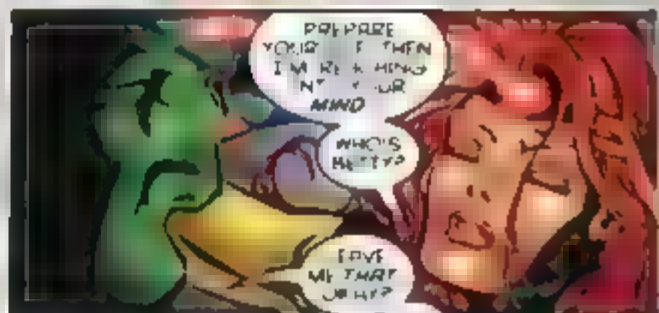
I CAN HAVE
ENTER MY BRAIN
TELEPATHICALLY --
AND TURN BANNER
OFF

SHUT HIM
DOWN

YOU'RE
HUMAN, ILLEGIT

MY
CONVINCE
SIDE AND YOU
HAVE TO

IT'S
THE ONLY
WAY



PREPARE
YOURSELF THEN
I'M RE-ENTERING
YOUR MIND

WHO'S
NEXT?

SAVE
ME THAT
JUNK?

DO
IT



I
DIDN'T SAY
IT WOULDN'T BE
PAINFUL... BUT WE
CAN GET A LOT
WORSE THAN TO
MAKE YOU
ANGRY

BANNER?
BANNER, ARE
YOU THERE?

BANNER



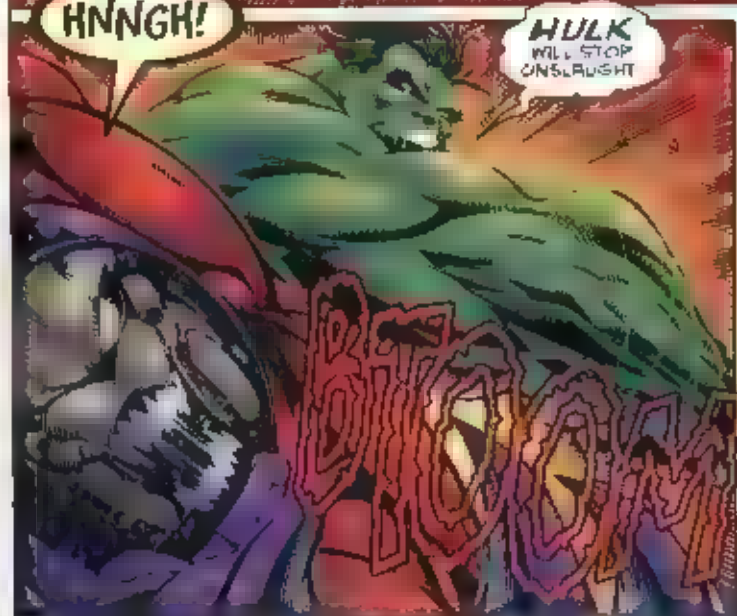
SO
PUNY

HULK
IS THE
STRONGEST
THERE IS!



HNNGH!

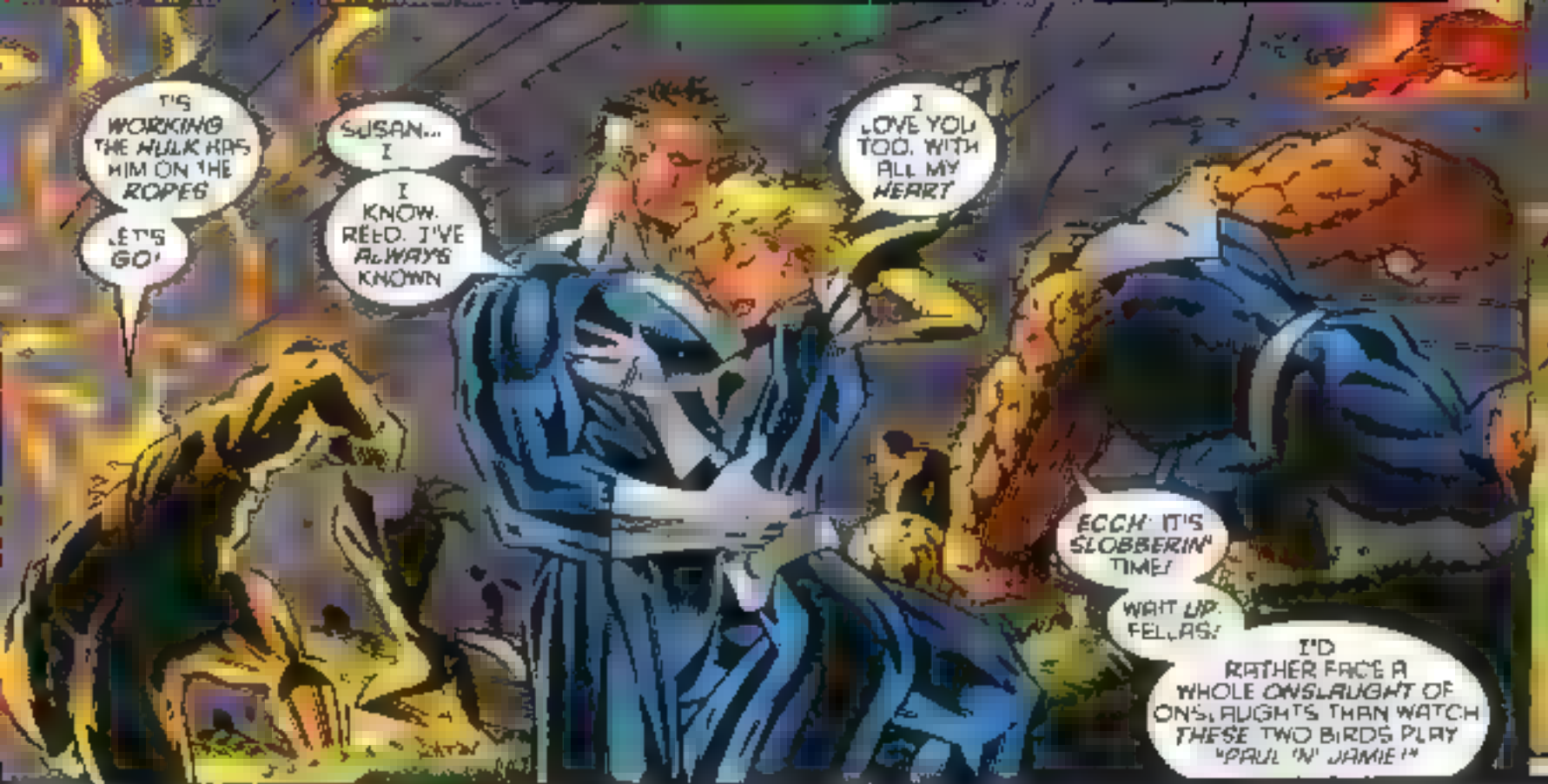
HULK
WILL STOP
ONSLAUGHT



NO
ONE BEATS
HULK!

**NO
ONE!**





IT'S
WORKING
THE HULK HAS
HIM ON THE
ROPES

LET'S
GO!

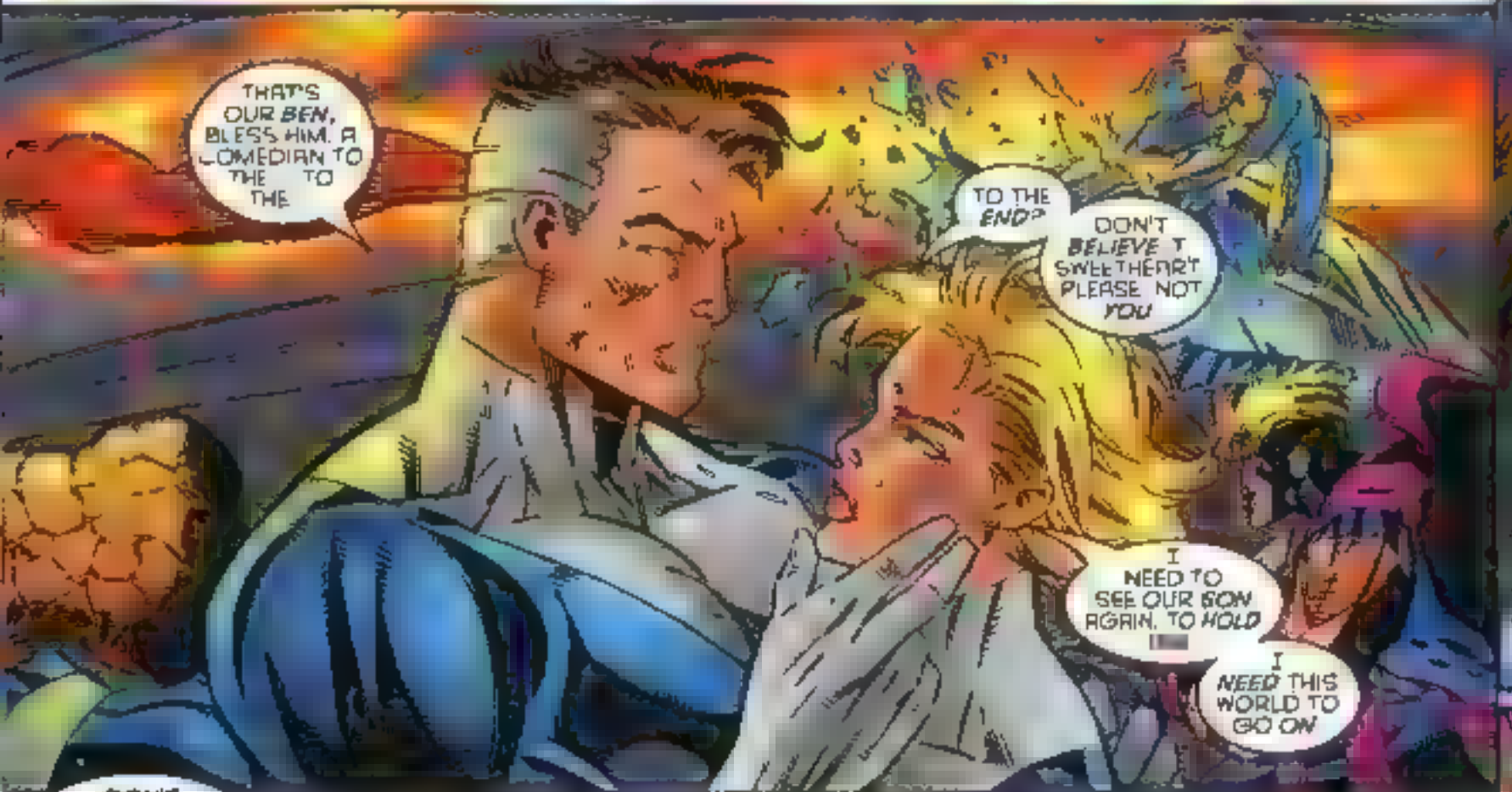
SUSAN...
I
I KNOW.
REED. I'VE
ALWAYS
KNOWN

I
LOVE YOU
TOO. WITH
ALL MY
HEART

ECCH! IT'S
SLOBBERIN'
TIME!

WAIT UP,
FELLAS!

I'D
RATHER FACE A
WHOLE ONSLAUGHT OF
ONSLAUGHTS THAN WATCH
THESE TWO BIRDS PLAY
"PAUL 'N' JAMIE!"



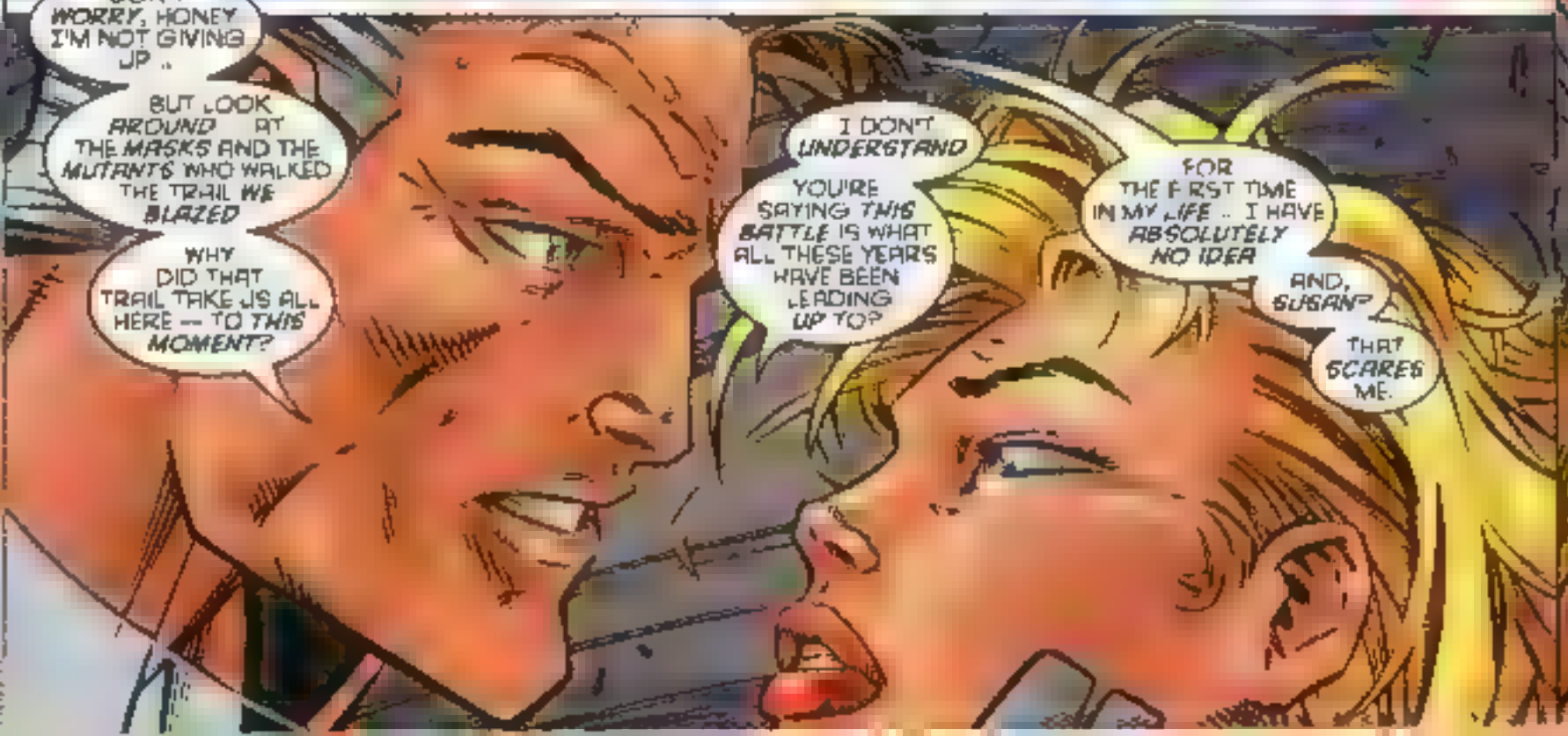
THAT'S
OUR BEN.
BLESS HIM. A
COMEDIAN TO
THE
THE

TO THE
END?

DON'T
BELIEVE I
SWEETHEART
PLEASE NOT
YOU

I
NEED TO
SEE OUR SON
AGAIN. TO HOLD

I
NEED THIS
WORLD TO
GO ON



DON'T
WORRY, HONEY
I'M NOT GIVING
UP..

BUT LOOK
AROUND AT
THE MASKS AND THE
MUTANTS WHO WALKED
THE TRAIL WE
BLAZED

WHY
DID THAT
TRAIL TAKE US ALL
HERE -- TO THIS
MOMENT?

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND

YOU'RE
SAYING THIS
BATTLE IS WHAT
ALL THESE YEARS
HAVE BEEN
LEADING
UP TO?

FOR
THE FIRST TIME
IN MY LIFE... I HAVE
ABSOLUTELY
NO IDEA

AND,
SUSAN?

THAT
SCARES
ME.

I AM NUMBER 15
 BR 2 GPSIONIC
 CYCLOWE T BLACK
 THE WRENE

I AM NUMBER
 THE 2
 POWERS

I AM NUMBER 15
 BR 2 GPSIONIC
 CYCLOWE T BLACK
 THE WRENE

I AM NUMBER
 THE 2
 POWERS

MUA MUA AN' IR GUO
 NOTHING MUA STAND
 N' HER PATH

I WAN IN HE STEAD
 KNOW HE GROWING
 CERTAINLY "H
 MAY "LAST BATTLE"

MUA MUA AN' IR GUO
 NOTHING MUA STAND
 N' HER PATH

I WAN IN HE STEAD
 KNOW HE GROWING
 CERTAINLY "H
 MAY "LAST BATTLE"

"... COMFORTED
ONLY BY THE
KNOWLEDGE
THAT THERE WAS
NO BETTER WAY
TO GO..."



* THAN
BESIDE
OLD
FRIENDS *

"THE AIR RANG
WITH ATOMIC
THUNDER

"FOR MILES IN EVERY
DIRECTION, WINDOWS
SHATTERED - GROUND
TREMBLED

"THERE WAS
FEAR IN EVERY
HEART

"... SAVE
ONSLAUGHT'S "

YOU
CANNOT
WIN, YOU
GENETIC
FREAK!

JUDGMENT
HAS ALREADY
BEEN PASSED! NO
ONE WILL SURVIVE
THE COMING OF
ONSLAUGHT!

NO ONE'S
WORTHY!

THIS IS
TRISH TILBY
REPORTING FOR
CHANNEL --

WOW.

STEP
ASIDE,
YOUNGSTER.
NEITHER SLEET
NOR HAIL
NOR ...

... Oh,
my...

I DESPISE
HUMANS FOR
THEIR PREJUDICE
AND HYPOCRISY
TOWARD THE
HOMO
SUPERIOR
RACE

I LOATHE
MUTANTS FOR
THEIR COWARDLY
ATTEMPTS TO BE
ACCEPTED RATHER
THAN TO
RULE!

TELL
ME HAVE I
FORGOTTEN
ANYONE?

JUST
HULK.

MAKES
HIM MAD

THE
MADDER
HULK
GETS

THE
STRONGER
HULK
GETS

AND
HULK ..
... IS ..

...ANGRY!

W H O O W

WHAT WAS THAT?

WHAT?

I HEARD YOU!

I SOUNDED LIKE A NUCLEAR BLAST --

-- AT GROUND ZERO!

THIS WAY!

ODIN'S BLOOD I SEE NEITHER FRIEND NOR FOE

LOOK BEYOND THE SETTLING DUST, THOR!

THERE'S HULK AND BENEATH HIM

BANNER? BUT HOW?

DON' KNOW, MON AM! MEBBE HULK POUNDED A REALITY-CHANGIN' POWERS OUTTA ONSLAUGHT?

SPEAKIN' O'WHOM...

HIS ARMOR -- CRACKED AND EMPTY HULK **BEAT** HIM.

WE WON!

LOANIN' WHAT WHAT'S HAPPEN



HARDLY.
ONSLAUGHT
IS NO LONGER A
PHYSICAL CREATURE
WHO CAN BE
BLUDGEONED INTO
SUBMISSION!

I AM
THOUGHT
ITSELF! I AM
PERCEPTION!
PERCEPTION IS
REALITY --

AND
REALITY
REJECTS
YOU!
TRANSLATION?

WE'VE
BEEN FOOLS!
HE'S BEEN
EVOLVING ALL
ALONG -- AND
THIS MUST BE
HIS FINAL
FORM!

HIS
ARMOR WAS
ONLY A SHELL!
NOW HE'S PURE
PSYCHIC ENERGY,
FREE TO SPREAD
WORLDWIDE --

AND
WE'VE LEFT
OURSELVES WITH
NO WAY TO ATTACK
HIM -- SINCE WE
CAN NO LONGER
TOUCH
HIM!

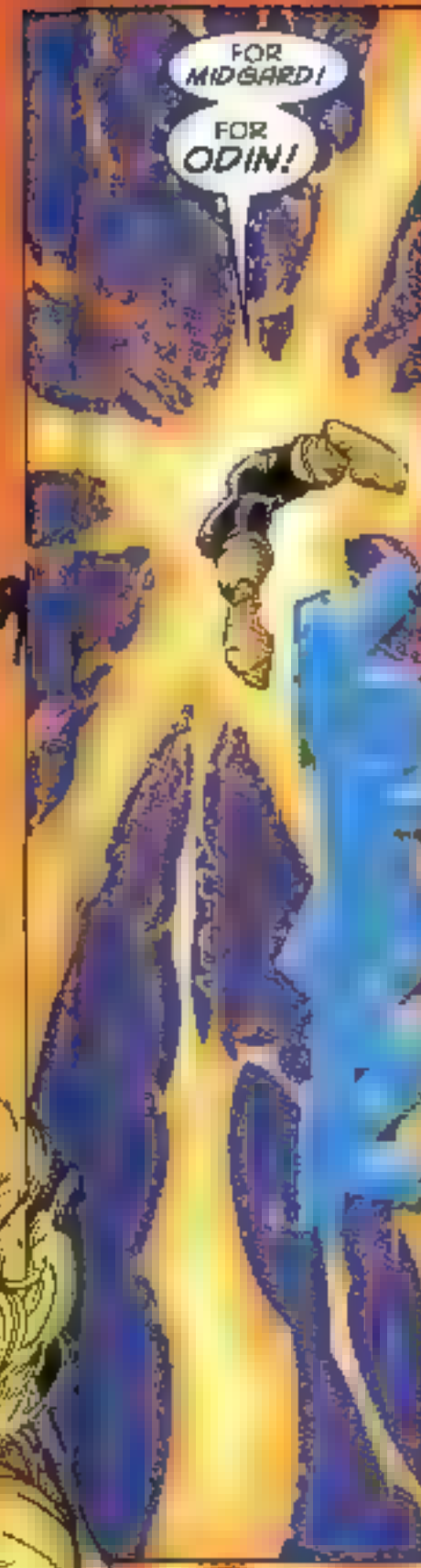
IT'S A
VESSEL TO
HOLD HIM WE
NEED?

THEN
USE
MINE --

-- MY
FLESH AND
BLOOD!

THE
SINOW OF THE
FATHER GOD SHALL
SURELY CONTAIN SUCH
A WICKED STORM --
AND ONCE IT
DOES --

-- YOU
MUST SHOW
ME NO MERCY!
ONLY BY FELLING
ME CAN YOU FELL
ONSLAUGHT!



FOR
MIDGARD!
FOR
ODIN!



FOR
ASGARD!

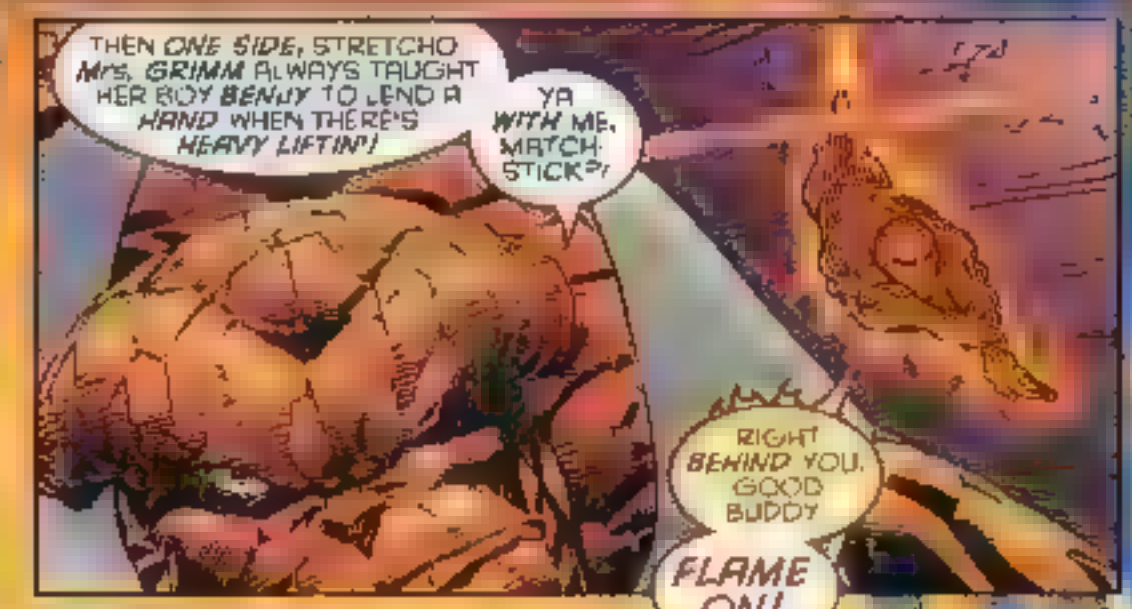
THOR!



THOR!

IT'S NOT
WORKING!
ONSLAUGHT'S
TEARING HIM
APART FROM
WITHIN!

EVEN
THOR CAN'T
CARRY HIM
ALONE!

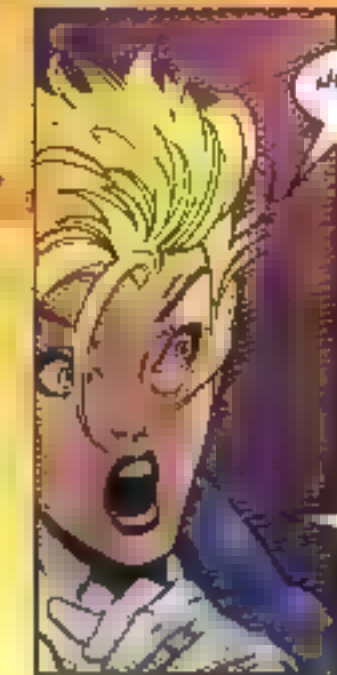


THEN ONE SIDE, STRETCHO
MRS. GRIMM ALWAYS TAUGHT
HER BOY BENNY TO LEND A
HAND WHEN THERE'S
HEAVY LIFTING!

YA
WITH ME,
MATCH-
STICK?

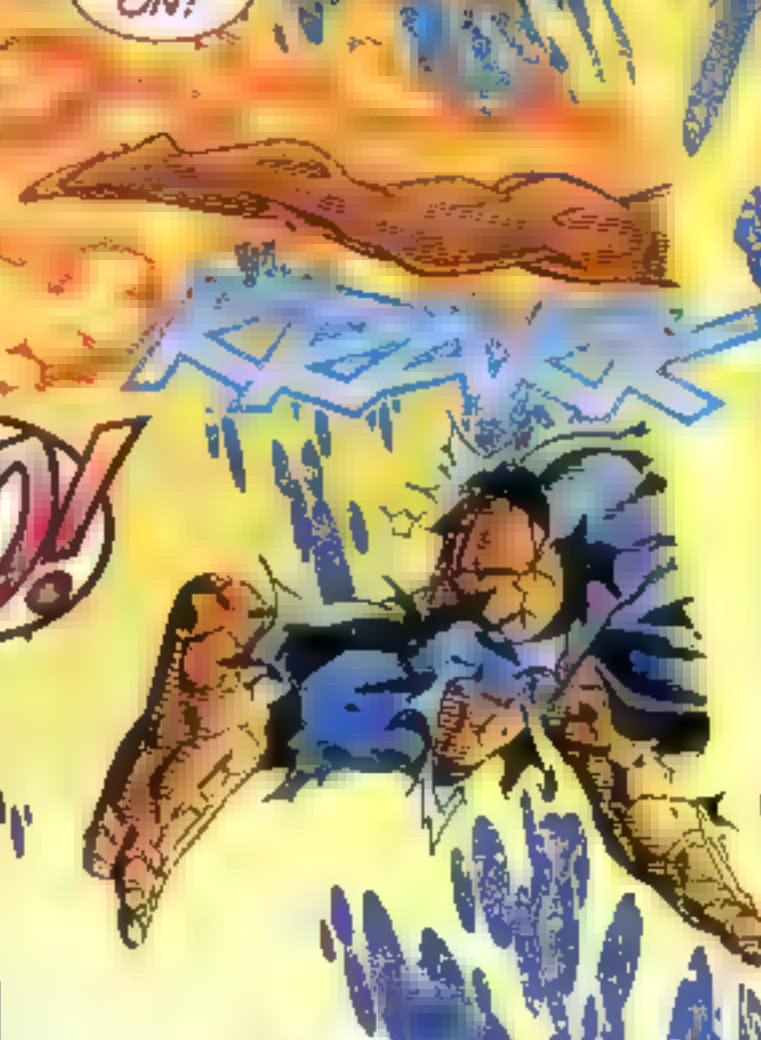
RIGHT
BEHIND YOU,
GOOD
BUDDY

FLAME
ON!



JOHNNY!
BEN!

NO!



WARRH!

WHAT
ARE YOU
MISERABLE
PARASITES
DOING?

YOU'RE
DRAINING
MEEEE!

THEN
IT'S STARTING
TO WORK -- BUT
THEY'LL NEED MORE
MASS TO CONTAIN
HIM. I SHOULD
GO... BUT...

BUT
WHAT
HANK?

IT'S JUST
THAT... I KNOW
WE'VE HAD OUR
DIFFERENCES,
JAN

BUT
EVERY TIME
I'VE EVER
GONE OFF
WITHOUT
YOU...

IT'S
BEEN A
MISTAKE.

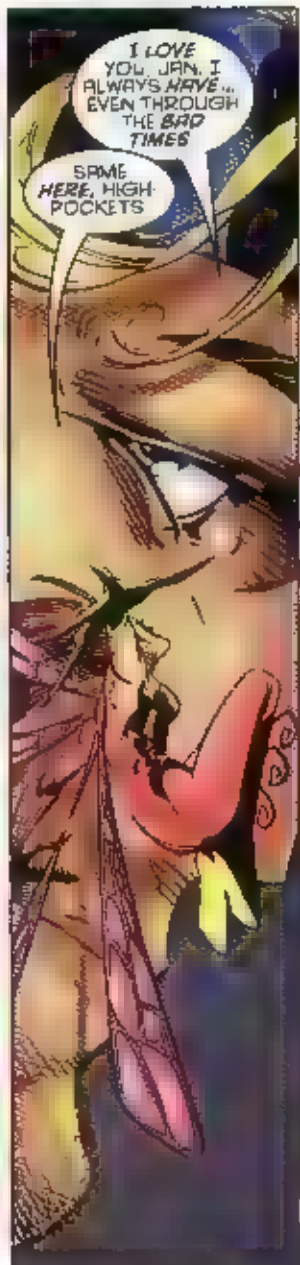
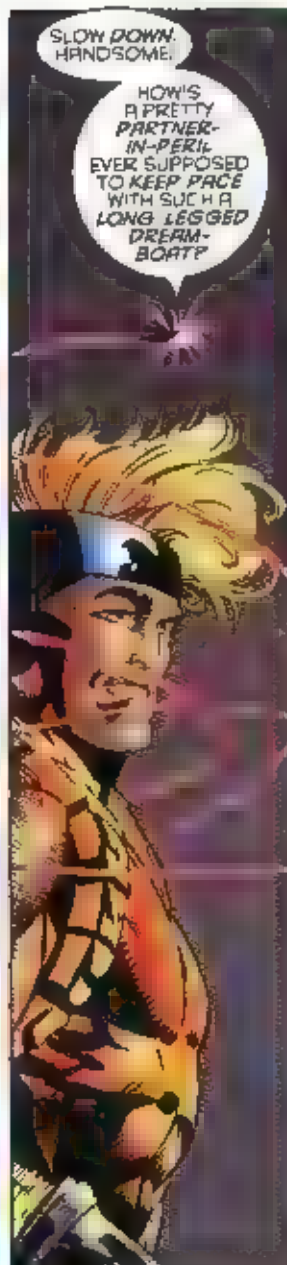
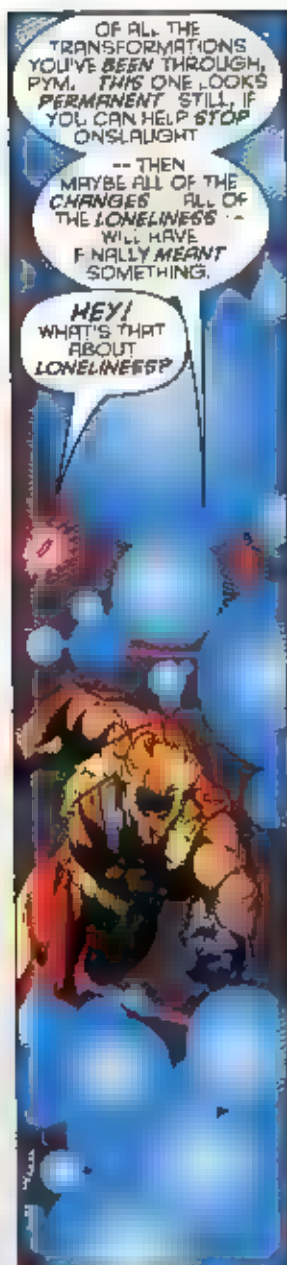
HANK ?

I DON'T
SEE ANYBODY
COMING BACK,
YOU REALIZE THAT
IF WE JOIN WITH
ONSLAUGHT...

... IT MAY
BE THE
LAST THING
WE EVER
DO.

I
REALIZE
THAT THE
WORLD'S AT
STAKE. DON'T
CONFUSE ME
WITH
DETAILS.

**AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!**



OUTSIDE
AND IN.

THERE
THEY ARE!
NATE -- TAKE
MY HAND!

YOUR
HAND?

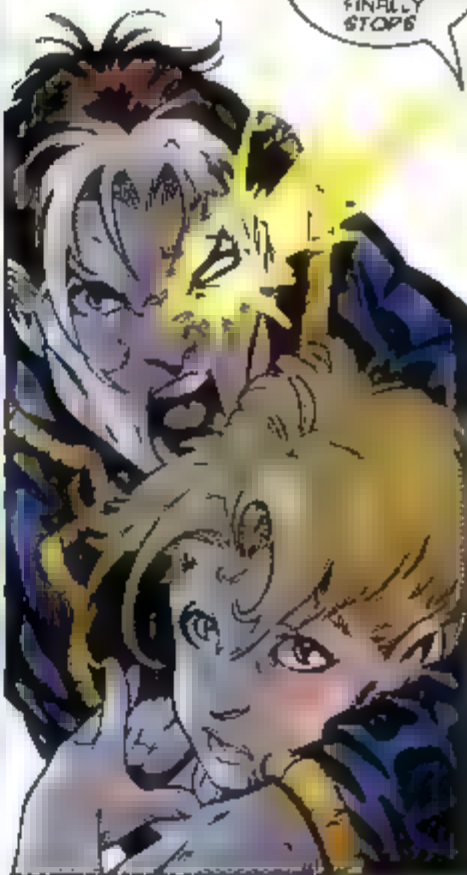
GOODBYE,
FRYING PAN --
HELLO, FIRE!
I'M
SUPPOSED
TO TRUST YOU!
LOOK AROUND!
THIS IS
YOU!

YOU BECAME
EVERYTHING PEOPLE
SAID YOU FEARED --
A MUTANT OUT OF
CONTROL!

I'M
ALWAYS ON THE
RUN BECAUSE OF
MANIACS LIKE
YOU!

THEN
DON'T TRUST
ME, TRUST
YOURSELF!

YOU
THINK THAT
IF YOU STAY HERE,
YOU'LL DIE -- BUT
THE RUNNING
FINALLY
STOPS



DON'T
GIVE IN
TO THAT
NATE.

THERE
IS A WORLD
THAT WILL ACCEPT
YOU. IT'S SMALL, BUT
IT'S THERE. I DREAMT
IT AND I BUILT
IT.

YOU
HAVE THE
STRENGTH AND
COURAGE TO
FIND IT.

TAKE MY
HAND!





WOLVERINE!
QUICK! SILVER
WAIT!

YOU
CAN'T GO
IN THERE!

WHAT?
WHY NOT?



I NOTICED EARLIER THAT
ONSLAUGHT'S ESSENCE
EXPANDED WHEN ROGUE
TOUCHED HIM! THAT
CAN MEAN ONLY
ONE THING!

SINCE
HE BEGAN
LIFE AS A
MUTANT

A MUTANT
GENETIC PATTERN
WOULD GIVE HIM
THE PERFECT
MEANS TO LIVE
AGAIN!

SCARLET
WITCH SEEMED TO
BE PROTECTED BY HER
HEX -- BUT THE REST
OF YOU DON'T DARE
MAKE CONTACT!
IT'S UP TO US



VERY
WELL, RICHARDS,
I REGRET THAT I
CANNOT JOIN OUR
COMRADES IN
SACRIFICE...

BUT I
AM RELIEVED
THAT MY WIFE
CRYSTAL WILL
BE SPARED

OK, PIETRO,
MY DARLING.
AS ALWAYS,
YOU DO NOT
LISTEN.

HE SAID
MUTANTS CANNOT
PARTICIPATE. HE SAID
NOTHING



-- ABOUT
INHUMANS!



OUR TIME
WENT BY TOO
QUICKLY, MY
HUSBAND.
PLEASE
REMEMBER
ME.

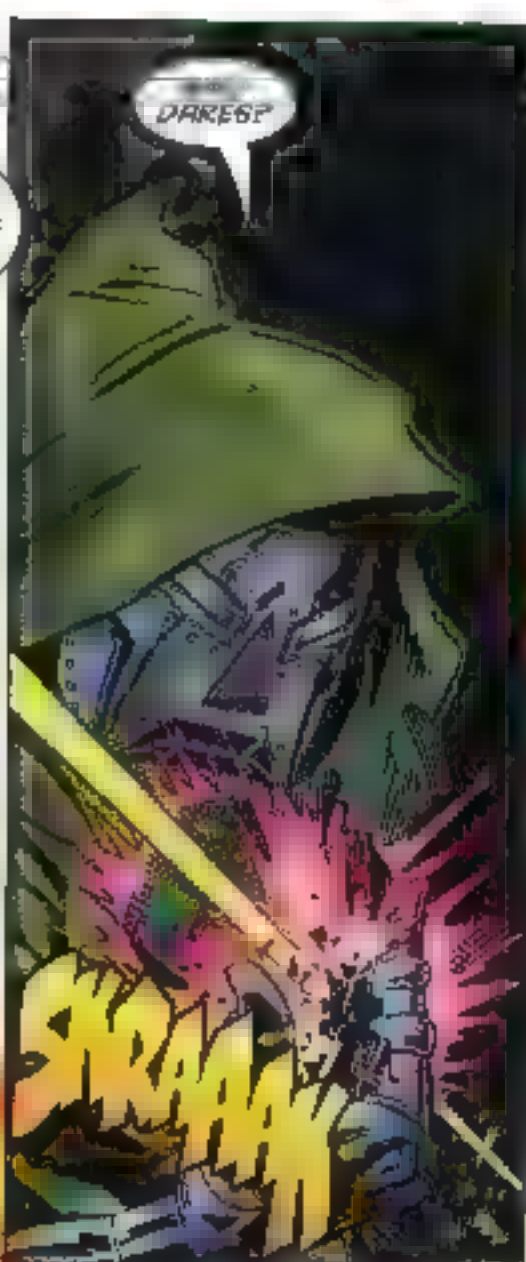
CRYSTAL!!!

IT'S
OVER
BUT SHE'S
GONE
I'M
SORRY

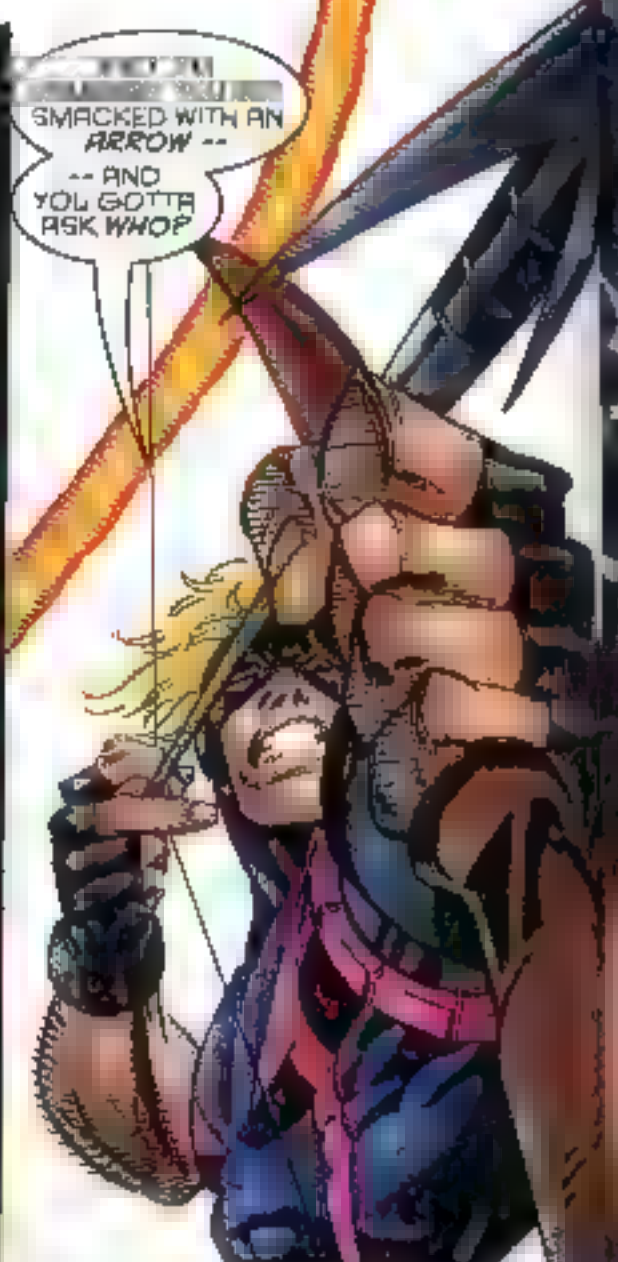


THE AIR CRACKLES
WITH SOME MACHETE POINTS.
BUT ADVAN'S ANSWER
COULD SIMPLY DRINK
IT ALL IN!

STILL,
MY INGENIOUS
ABSORPTION MODULE
CAN CERTAINLY STORE
ENOUGH OF IT TO TURN
THIS DAY TO MY
ADVANTAGE --



DARESE?



SMACKED WITH AN
ARROW --
-- AND
YOU GOTTA
ASK WHO?



GUESS
YOUR FAN CLUB
DOESN'T HAVE A BRANCH
IN LATVERIA, HAWKEYE!
THAT'S ONE THING THEY'LL
HAVE TO TAKE CARE
OF THERE --



-- RIGHT
AFTER THEY
ELECT A NEW
MONARCH!

RELEASE
ME! WHAT IS
THE MEANING
OF THIS?



I DON'T
EXPECT YOU TO
KNOW, DOOM. IT'S A
NEW IDEA TO YOU



IT'S CALLED
SACRIFICE.



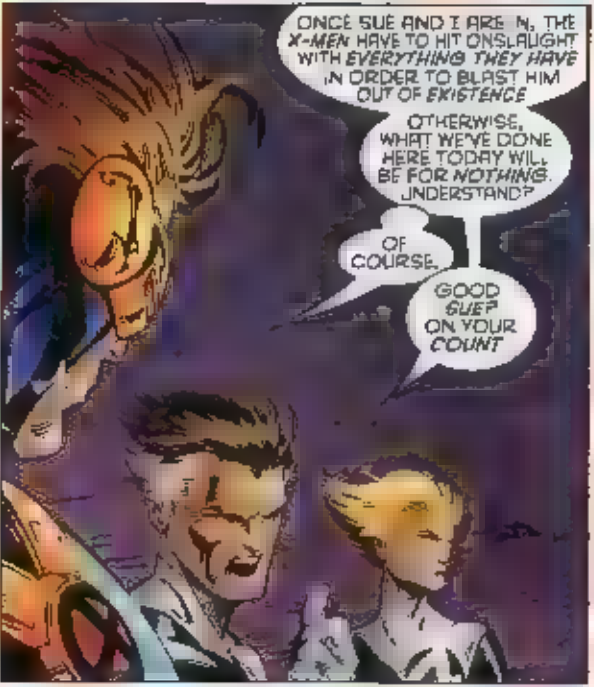
AND THAT'S EVERYONE BUT US. WE WERE THE FIRST... AND WE'LL BE THE LAST.

READY, CYCLOPS?

YOU CAN COUNT ON US, Dr RICHARDS

I KNOW, SON. JUST MAKING SURE. WHATEVER HAPPENS...

DO NOT HOLD BACK.



ONCE SUE AND I ARE IN, THE X-MEN HAVE TO HIT ONSLAUGHT WITH EVERYTHING THEY HAVE IN ORDER TO BLAST HIM OUT OF EXISTENCE

OTHERWISE, WHAT WE'VE DONE HERE TODAY WILL BE FOR NOTHING. UNDERSTAND?

OF COURSE.

GOOD SUEP ON YOUR COUNT



FOUR



TWO

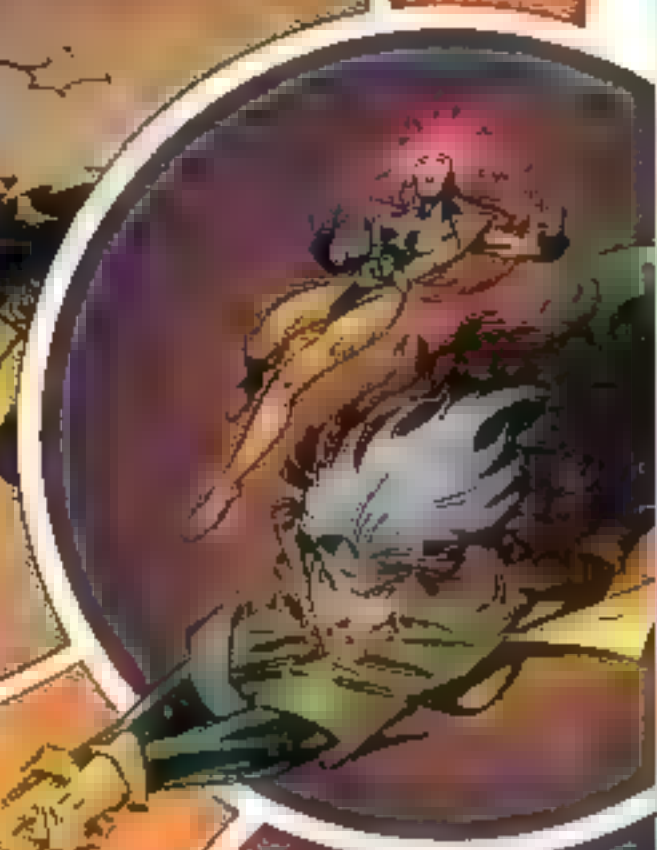
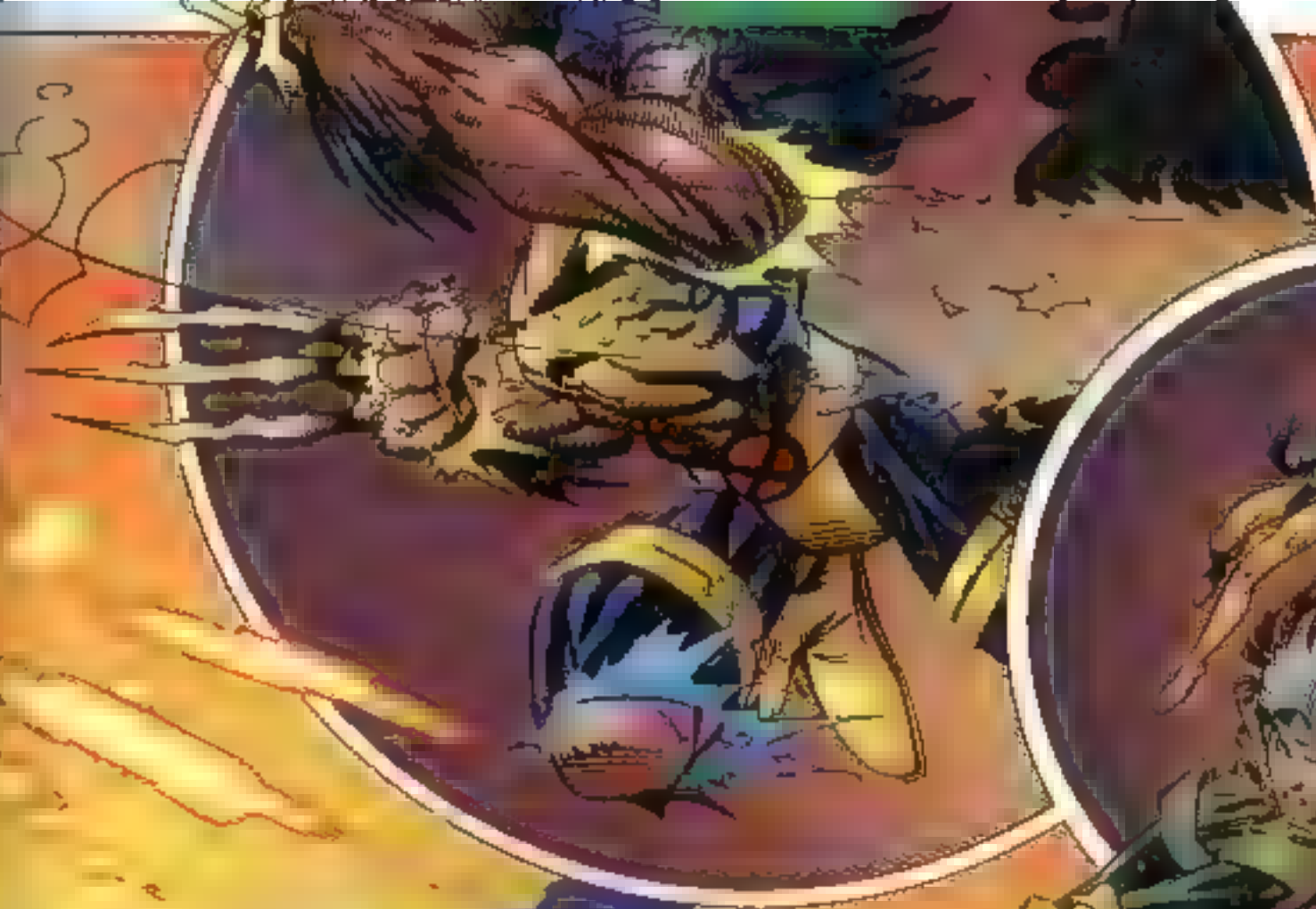
THE



GO!

THEY'RE
IN!

X-MEN --
ATTACK!



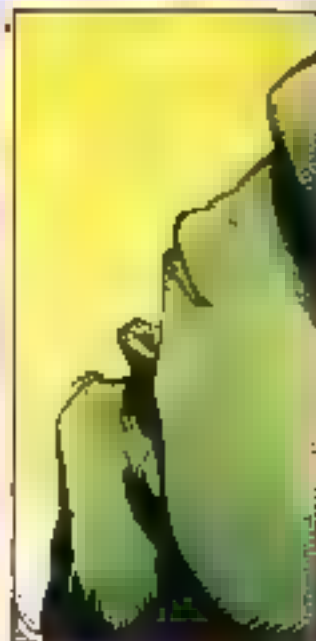
"AND THEY DID
THEIR HEARTS HEAVY
WITH SORROW AND
RAGE..."





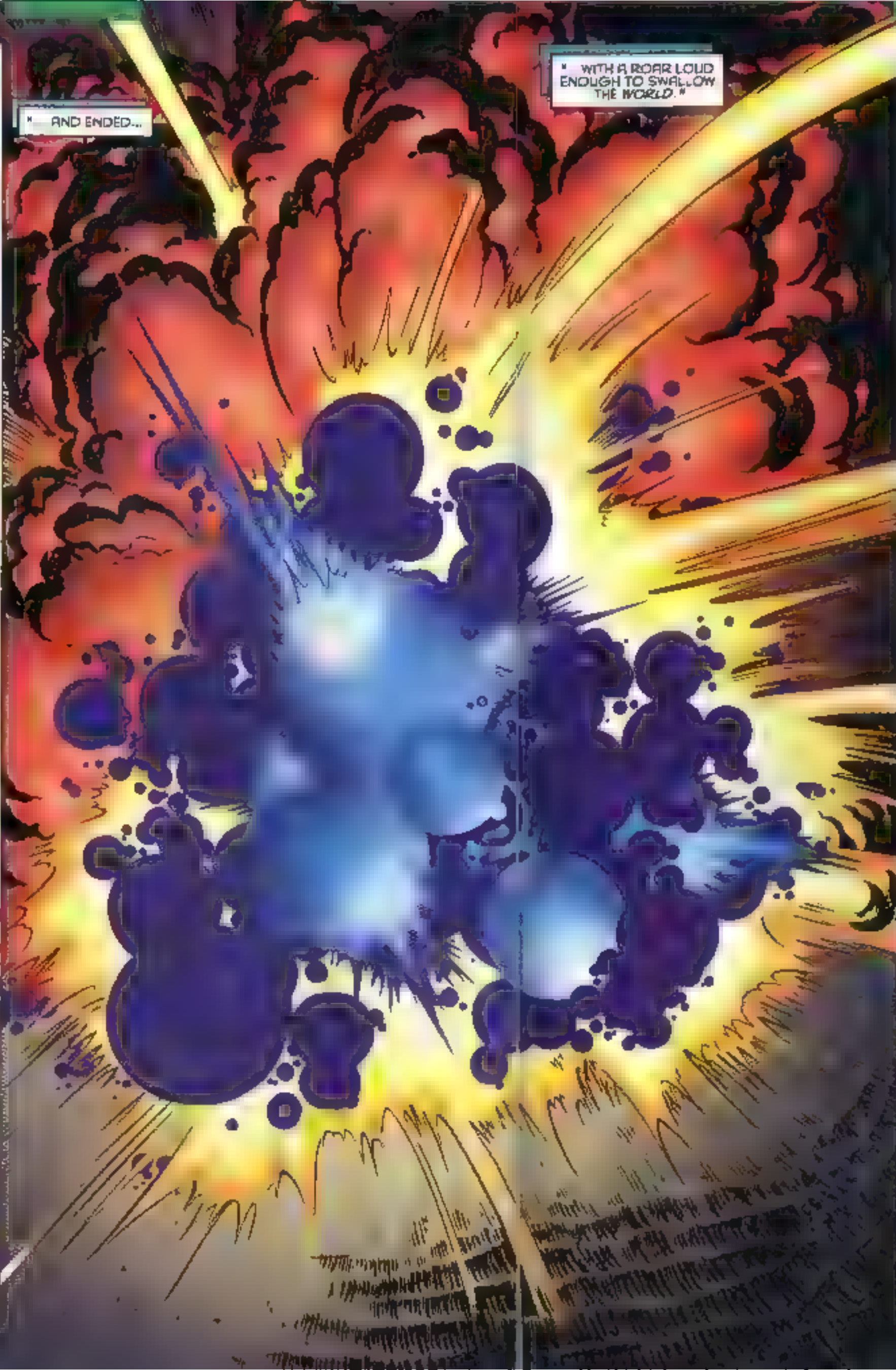
" WHILE BELOW,
IN THE SHADOW OF
ARMAGEDDON ..

" ONE LAST,
FORGOTTEN
FIGURE STIRRED.



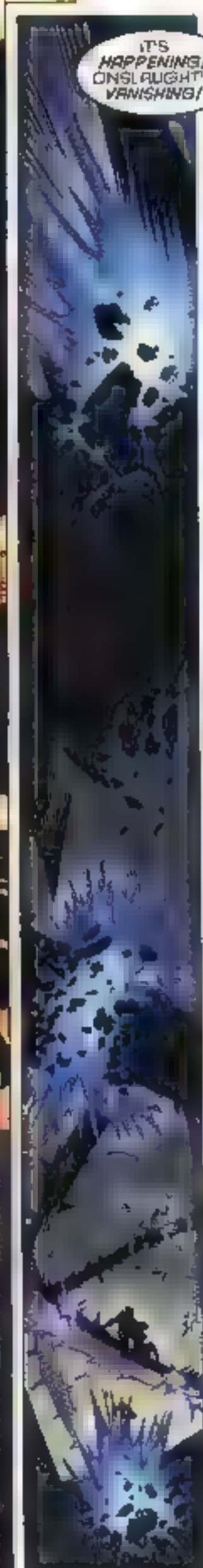
" AND JOINED
THE FRAY IN THE ONLY
MANNER HE KNEW HOW ..

" ... AS THE SYMPHONY OF
POWER BUILT TO A
MIGHTY CRESCENDO ..



" AND ENDED...

" WITH A ROAR LOUD
ENOUGH TO SWALLOW
THE WORLD. "



IT'S
HAPPENING!
ONSLAUGHT'S
VANISHING!

NATHAN!
FRANKLIN!
IF WE'RE GOING
TO PULL YOU FREE
IT HAS TO BE
NOW!

PUSH
YOUR POWER
TO ITS FULLEST,
FRANK!

YOU
HAVE TO
REACH OUT
AS HARD AS
YOU CAN - AND
HELP CREATE
AN EXIT

DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?

I DO,
MISTER



I
DO.



"FOR THAT SPLIT-SECOND, THE WORLD HELD ITS BREATH."

"TO DEFEAT THE GREATEST THREAT THE WORLD HAS KNOWN, THE HEROES WERE PREPARED TO SACRIFICE THEMSELVES..."

"THEIR PRESENCE SCORCHED FROM THE VERY EARTH."

"BUT ONE SMALL BOY, WITH HOPE ENOUGH FOR THE WORLD ENTIRE, WOULD NOT ALLOW THIS."

"AS HUMANITY'S BRIGHTEST FADED FROM EXISTENCE, MOTHER AND SON GRASPED FOR EACH OTHER ONE LAST TIME."

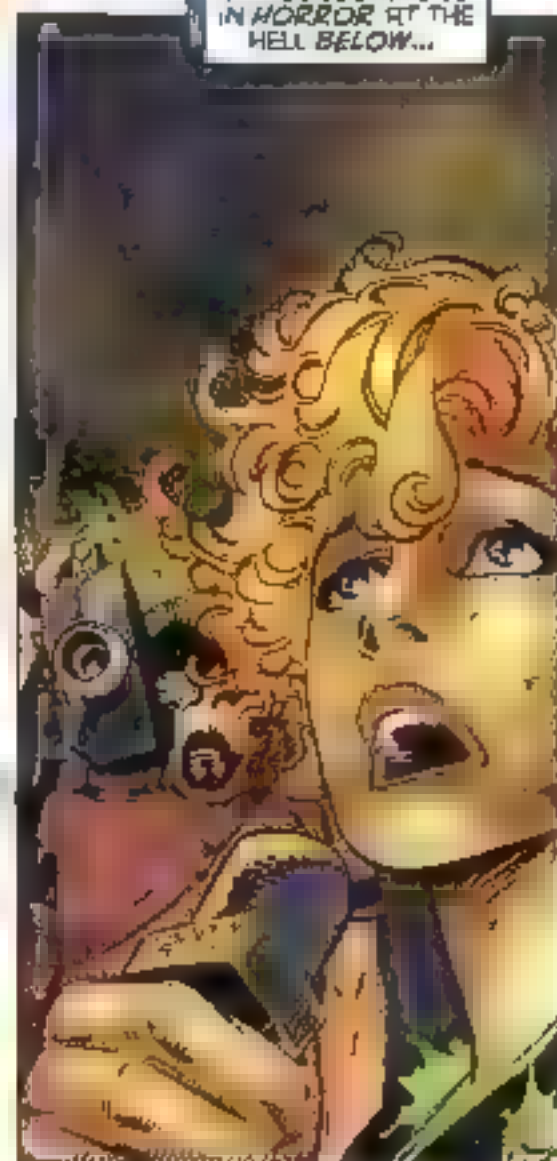
"IN THAT MOMENT, TIME AND SPACE FROZE."

"REALITY WARPED."

"AND PERHAPS, HOPE WAS REBORN."

"BUT AS THE RESCUATION WAS SECURED ABOVE..."

"HUMAN WITNESSES GAPPED IN HORROR AT THE HELL BELOW..."



"AND PASSED A TERRIBLE AND VICIOUS JUDGEMENT..."

"AGAINST THOSE THEY WOULD HOLD FOREVER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRAGEDY..."

" OF A
WORLD
WITHOUT
HEROES "

I
CAUGHT
'EM PR'ESSAH.
FRANKLIN,
HE'S
FINE...

... BUT
NATE...
HE'S...

HE'S NOT
MOVIN'...

NATE. ?



—KOFF—
PRESENT
AND... —KOFF—
ACCOUNTED
FOR.
JUST A
LITTLE SHELL-
SHOCKED.
DID...
...DID
WE WIN?

I THINK
IT WILL DEPEND
ON WHO YOU
ASK.



YOU
WERE A BRAVE
BOY TODAY,
FRANKLIN. YOUR
PARENTS WOULD
HAVE BEEN VERY
PROUD OF
YOU.

WHERE...
WHERE ARE
THEY? MOM AND
DAD AND UNCA
BEN AND UNCA
JOHNNY... WHERE
DID THEY
GO?

TO MAKE
THE NOBLEST
SACRIFICE OF ALL,
FRANKLIN.



THEY
GAVE OF
THEMSELVES...
SO THAT THE
WORLD MIGHT
LIVE.

THEY'LL
BE BACK,
WON'T
THEY?



...
YOU'LL
SEE THEM
AGAIN
SOMEDAY, I
PROMISE.

IN THE
MEANTIME,
SO LONG AS
YOU HOLD THEM
IN YOUR
HEART...

... THEY
WILL ALWAYS
BE WITH
US.



"IN THE FADING
RAYS OF SUNLIGHT,
NATHAN GREY
LIFTED XAVIER HIGH
OVER THE CITY.

"ITS LONG SHADOWS
DID LITTLE TO HIDE
XAVIER'S GRIEF."

THANK YOU,
NATHAN.

I THOUGHT
IT BEST TO GET A
GOOD LOOK AT THE
DEVASTATION
ONSLAUGHT
CAUSED...

... SO THAT
WE MIGHT KNOW...
AND REMEMBER...
PRECISELY WHAT WE
WILL BE BLAMED FOR
IN THE MONTHS
AND YEARS TO
COME.

THE
BYSTANDERS
SAW US TURN ON
OUR COMRADES. THEY
DON'T KNOW WHY.
THEY WILL ASSUME
THE WORST.

IF
ONSLAUGHT
EXACTED ANY
REVENGE, HOWEVER
ACCIDENTAL...
IT WAS
THAT.

THEY WERE
INCREDIBLE.

WHO, P

THE
HEROES. THEY
WERE GIANTS...
TITANS. THEY
PASSED BY ME
SO BRIEFLY.

I WISH
I HAD GOTTEN
A CHANCE TO LEARN
FROM THEM.
THEY COULD HAVE
TAUGHT ME SO
MUCH.

YOU
HAD NO ONE
LIKE THEM IN
THE WORLD
YOU CAME
FROM?

NOT AT
ALL. MAYBE IF
WE HAD... THEY
MIGHT HAVE
MADE MY HOME
A BETTER
PLACE.

GOD
KNOWS
THEY MADE A
DIFFERENCE
HERE.



AND
THAT IS
MY
STORY.



TOUCHING.
A TALE OF
THE FITTEST
SURVIVING.
MY FAVORITE
KIND.

YOU
WERE CORRECT,
WATCHER, WHEN
YOU TOLLED THIS
HOUR AS THE END
OF YOUR AGE OF
WONDER...

...FOR
THERE IS
ANOTHER AGE
DAWNING...



...AN AGE OF
APOCALYPSE.



AND MARK
MY WORDS...
WITH THE
ARENA CLEARED
OF DEFENDERS
AND HEROES...
THAT AGE WILL
BE UPON US
SOON.

PERHAPS.

A dramatic comic book illustration. In the foreground, Batman is shown from the chest up, looking upwards with a somber expression. He wears his iconic blue and black suit with a yellow bat emblem on the chest. His blue cape flows down and around him. In the background, a young boy with blonde hair and a worried expression looks up at Batman. He is wearing a grey and white patterned shirt. The setting is a city at night, with a grid-like pattern representing buildings. Several fires are burning in the background, adding to the somber and urgent atmosphere.

OR PERHAPS
A DIFFERENT
DAY IS AT HAND,
APOCALYPSE.

A DAY
OF NEW
POSSIBILITIES...
OF HEROES
REDISCOVERED
AND HEROES
REBORN.

THE
CHAMPIONS
OF EARTH ARE BUT
MORTAL MEN. THEIR
PASSING, HOW-
EVER TRAGIC, IS
INEVITABLE...

... BUT
THEIR
LEGACY WILL
ENDURE...

... SO
LONG AS
THEIR MEMORY
IS NOT
FORGOTTEN.

M